BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

BSFD Budget Workshop & Special Council Meeting
130 Bonnet Shores Road
May 21, 2026
8:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

A Budget Workshop & Special Council Meeting of the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council was called to order at 8:03 AM on May 21, 2026, by Council Vice Chair Jane Duran. Other Council members in attendance were: John Chereskin, Melissa Jenkins, Faith LaSalle, and Kevin O'Brien. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

- Tony Lupino, Lake Road, mentioned that legal fees were better redirected to discretionary funds.
- Paul Luba, 98 Colonel John Gardner, like many elements of the "Jenkins Budget", would like some of the capital reserve used in the new budget, and noted that the capital reserve doesn't need to be replenished.

Budget Workship

The workshop started on Line 58 of the budget

- After a discussion on last year's Tax Sale, we budgeted 0 for tax sale costs
- We decided to leave Meeting Expenses, Office Supplies and Equipment, Payroll and Financial Services, and Tax Collection costs as is
- We budgeted an additional 2,000 for Lifeguards
- We kept the Beach Bus costs as is
- We kept the Beach Raking as is
- We kept the Camp Wages as is
- We kept the Harbormaster Wages as is
- We reduced Social Costs to 1,000
- We kept the Breachway costs as is
- We kept Snow Removal as is, and Mark will follow up and get an invoice for last year
- We budgeted $60,000 for Legal Fees, and will use $20,000 of the Surplus to offset (so $40,000 will be taxed)
- We kept Capital Improvements as is
- We decided to keep the Elected Official's Wages at the same level as last year
- We decided to budget 80K for the District Manager's position

The budget workshop was adjourned

Special Council Meeting

The budget was then approved, with Jane Duran, John Chereskin, Faith LaSalle, and Kevin O’Brien voting yes and Melissa Jenkins voting no. The meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Neal S. Prescott, Treasurer

Approved on 6/17/2026